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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

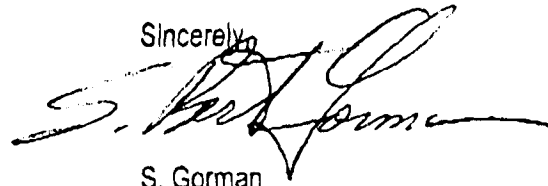
As a member of the technology industry, my only concern when working with computers and software is whether or not I can rely on it consistently over time. Microsoft has delivered the best services and products in the industry over the last decade and has benefited consumers, software developers, and computer makers alike. While I think that Microsoft, like any large corporation, has probably been aggressive in its use of marketing, I think that the lawsuits have been brought on not because there are antitrust violations of any great nature, but, because the Clinton administration had political vendettas against Microsoft for their lack of financial support for the party.

The government should stay out of big business and the technology industry especially at this time of growth where our country is competing with other nations for the lead in the IT sector. Even though I think the settlement should have never occurred in the first place, I want to see it come to fruition because it is in the best interests of everyone involved to end litigation. Let Microsoft focus on innovation and growth.

Under the terms of settlement Microsoft is giving away numerous technological secrets, which seem to me to be in violation of their intellectual property rights. They are also agreeing to license its Windows' operating system products to the 20 largest computer makers on identical terms and conditions, including price. This stipulation seems to me to be creating an opportunity for monopolistic behavior since there will be collaboration on pricing.

In spite of these flaws, the settlement should be finalized. The nine states holding out should be reprimanded and all of this has to come about due to the direction off your office. I ask you to please take these thoughts into consideration. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Gorman', written over a horizontal line.

S. Gorman